

CLAIMS

I claim:

1. An acupuncture needle container and dispenser to store
5 and dispense a plurality of acupuncture needles, comprising:
 - a transparent top cover piece,
 - an opaque colored bottom piece with a distal end, a
proximal end and a middle portion, said transparent top cover
piece fits over the opaque colored bottom piece and forms a semi-
10 oval needle reservoir at the distal end, a cylindrical inserter
at the proximal end and a channel formed between the semi-oval
needle reservoir and the cylindrical inserter to allow for an
individual channeled movement of the plurality of acupuncture
needles from the semi-oval needle reservoir through the formed
15 channel and into the cylindrical inserter;
 - an insertion tube within said cylindrical inserter
with a longitudinal slit to receive an individual acupuncture
needle from the plurality of needles moving through the channel;
 - a plunger that fits into the insertion tube and pushes
20 the acquired individual acupuncture needle through the
cylindrical inserter, said plunger having a protruding twisting
handle that has indicia coinciding with the position of the
longitudinal slit on the insertion tube; and
 - said plunger pushes the acquired individual acupuncture
needle from the cylindrical inserter into an extrusion guide tube
for use by a user.

2. The acupuncture needle container and dispenser according to claim 1, wherein the channel is provided with individual grooves that can hold a sequential series of individual acupuncture needles from the plurality of acupuncture
5 needles.

3. The acupuncture needle container and dispenser according to claim 1, wherein the individual channeled movement of the plurality of acupuncture needles is produced by tilting and
10 shaking the acupuncture needle container and dispenser.

4. The acupuncture needle container and dispenser according to claim 1, wherein the longitudinal slit is juxtaposed to an individual acupuncture needle moving through the channel
15 and into the insertion tube.

5. The acupuncture needle container and dispenser according to claim 1, wherein the longitudinal slit is not juxtaposed to the individual acupuncture needles moving through
20 the channel and cannot enter the insertion tube.

6. The acupuncture needle container and dispenser according to claim 1, wherein a click and hold mechanism is provided for holding and locking the longitudinal slit in a juxtaposed position to the individual acupuncture needles moving
25 through the channel.

7. The acupuncture needle container and dispenser
according to claim 1, wherein a click and hold mechanism is
provided for holding and locking the longitudinal slit in a non-
juxtaposed position to the individual acupuncture needles moving
5 through the channel.

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